measure of grid security in view of high frequency condition prevailing in the Southern Regional Grid due to low demand.

(c) No, Sir.

(d)and (e) Do not arise in view of answer to part (c) of the question.

Use of gas received in lieu of setting up of a power plant in Nigeria

†2236. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has entered into an agreement with Government of Nigeria to set up power plant in Nigeria and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the main condition of this agreement is that Nigeria would supply gas to NTPC;

(c) if so, the quantum thereof and the time-frame by when the gas would be supplied;

(d) whether NTPC would utilize this gas for its own.purpose or it would sell this gas to other companies also; and

(e) the action to be taken in the event of stoppage of supply, due to any reason, after setting up of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. NTPC Ltd. has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ministry of Energy, Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) for setting up power plants in Nigeria subject to conditions that FGN will provide, subject to availability, at least three million tonnes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) per annum at reasonable price on long tenn basis for a period of 25 years from its existing/future LNG plants where operation is likely to begin in next 5 to 6 years. Upon successful operation of above commitment by FGN, NTPC Ltd. will set up, subject to technical feasibility, a 500 MW coal based and a 700 MW gas based power plant in Nigeria. The MoU constitutes only a broad-based understanding in respect of mutual cooperation.between FGN and NTPC Ltd. for participation in the economic growth of the two countries.

(d) As per MOU, NTPC would utilize this gas for its own gas power stations in India and the gas is not for sale to other companies.

(e) NTPC proposes to incorporate appropriate provisions like arbitration and settlement of disputes in International courts, etc. in the specific agreements for LNG supply by FGN and setting up of power plants by NTPC, to protect its interests in the event of stoppage of supply due to any reason after setting up of the plant.

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